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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Arrest warrants and notices under sections 87 and 88, Criminal Procedure Code, were issued on 17th August 1931 to Pennadam Somasundaram Pillai and five other ryots of Udayarpalaiyam zamindari as the police reported that these persons, who were suspected of designing the commission of offences involving a breach of the peace, were absconding.

(*c*) Under section 88, Criminal Procedure Code.

(*d*) The police charge-sheet showed that urgent action was necessary to prevent the commission of offences involving a breach of the peace. The simultaneous issue of arrest warrants and notices under sections 87 and 88, Criminal Procedure Code, was irregular. The irregularity has been pointed out to the District Magistrate.

(*e*) The accused were reported to be absconding and the orders in question were passed to secure their presence.

Regulation of professional qualifications and standards

Alleged irregularities in the Office of the Registrar of the Madras Medical Council.

* 260 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether grave irregularities have been detected by the Government in the working of the Office of the Registrar of the Madras Medical Council;

(*b*) if so, what the nature of the irregularities is; and

(*c*) what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken by the Government against those responsible for the same ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Serious irregularities such as falsification of accounts, fabrication and destruction of public records and documents and misappropriation of public funds.

(*c*) The audit report on the accounts of the Madras Medical Council for 1931 which revealed the irregularities referred to above has been communicated to the Council which has been requested to conduct a thorough enquiry into the matter, rectify the irregularities brought to light and submit a report showing the action it has already taken or proposes to take in the matter. The President of the Council has also been asked to expedite the prosecution of the clerk of the office who is apparently responsible for the aforesaid irregularities and report the result of the prosecution. The Government have also asked the Council for its views on the Registrar's responsibility in the matter.